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SUBJECT: INDIA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES

REF: NEW DELHI 17101

SUMMARY. INDIA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES WERE DOLS1,449 MILLION AT END-SEPTEMBER 1975 AND ARE ESTIMATED BY THE EMBASSY TO BE DOLS1,628 MILLION AT END-DECEMBER. AS OF END -DECEMBER BORROWINGS FROM IMF WERE DOLS821 MILLION. END SUMMARY.

1. INDIAN RESERVES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	FOREIGN	EXCHANGE A/	USE OF	NET	FUND	RESER-
1975		GOLD B/	SDRS C/	TOTAL	CREDIT D/	VES

DEC.(EST.)	1,084	285	259	1,628	821	807
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NOV.(EST.)	1,023	284	258	1,565	818	747
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OCT.(EST.)	1,021	288	261	1,570	828	742
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SEPTEMBER 909 283 257 1,449 813 636

A/ RUPEE-DOLLAR CONVERSIONS BASED ON END-MONTH DOLS/STERLING
CROSS RATE IN LONDON AS FOLLOWS: RS. 8.97 END-SEPTEMBER;
RS. 8.82 END-OCTOBER; RS. 9.06 END-NOVEMBER; RS. 8.96
END-DECEMBER.

B/ RS. 1.83 BILLION GOLD HOLDINGS OF THE RESERVE BANK OF
INDIA MEASURED BY U.S. DOLS/SDR TRANSACTIONS VALUE AT
END OF MONTH.

C/ FIGURES IN DOLLARS FOR SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER TAKEN
FROM JANUARY 1976 INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS
(IFS). THE DOLLAR VALUE FOR DECEMBER REFLECTS THE
CHANGE IN THE U.S. DOLS/SDR RATE ASSUMING NO CHANGE IN
THE NUMBER OF SDRS HELD BY INDIA SINCE END-NOVEMBER.

D/ THE OUTSTANDING DRAWINGS FROM IMF WERE SDRS 698.3
MILLION (DOLS813 MILLION) AT END-SEPTEMBER. DOLLAR/SDR
CONVERSIONS BASED ON END-MONTH DOLS/SDR RATE AS FOLLOWS:
DOLS1.164 END-SEPTEMBER; DOLS1.186 END-OCTOBER; DOLS1.171
END-NOVEMBER; AND DOLS1.175 END-DECEMBER.

2. ON JANUARY 2, 1976, INDIA MADE A REPAYMENT OF
APPROXIMATELY DOLS212 MILLION OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST TO THE
IMF BRINGING FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES DOWN TO ABOUT
DOLS872.
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